

**Amendments to the Specification:**<sup>1</sup>

Page 15, line 09, change “Figure 1A” to – Figure 1 –.

Page 16, line 01, change “Figure 1” to – Figure 1A –; and

line 17, change “exploded” to – assembled –.

Page 17, line 05, change “non-portable” to – present/prior non-portable –; and

after line 06, add the following paragraphs:

– As is clear from the drawings and the foregoing specification, the embodiments of **Figures 1-4C** each provides a portable load transport device for use in association with a vehicle having a rear trailer hitch structure and a load bed with the rear of the vehicle located adjacent to the device, while the device is supported on the ground and used to move a load to or from the vehicle bed, using an interconnected mechanical system which includes:

a first, horizontal portion **2** (or **3p** as in **Figures 3 & 4C**) which when in use is attached to a part **1** of the trailer hitch and proceeds outwardly back past the rear end of the vehicle;

an intermediate, transition portion **3** which when in use extends back from a proximal end attached to said horizontal section leading to a round end

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<sup>1</sup> If these simple amendments are not in proper, acceptable form, it is respectfully requested that they be made by Examiner's Amendment.

directed upwardly and is supported on the ground using an adjustable load bearing support **4b/4c** extending from said transition portion to the ground;

a round, adjustable, rotatable portion **4/8** that when in use is attached to said round end of said transition portion and has at least one tubular portion to ultimately extend up vertically at a distal end to a position having a height greater than the height of the vehicle's load bed; and

a boom end portion **5/9** containing at least a cable **6a**, a rotatable member **6b/6** carrying the cable, and a lifting member **6c**, which boom portion when in use is connected to the distal end of said rotatable portion which is rotatable with respect to at least said round end about an upwardly extended axis, said boom end portion being located at a height above the load bed of the vehicle and is used to move through the rotation about at least said round end a load either off of or onto the vehicle's load bed while said transition portion is supported on the ground.

As can be clearly seen in the drawings, the round, rotatable portion includes either a straight member **4** extended up vertically (**Figure 1+**) or, as an alternative embodiment (**Figure 4+**), the rotatable portion **8** has at its proximal and its distal ends a bent portion forming about a forty-five ( $45^\circ$ ) degree angle up off the horizontal, together totaling about a ninety ( $90^\circ$ ) degree angle, forming a long sweeping radius and resulting in said boom portion being located off-set horizontally from said round, distal end of said transition portion. In the second embodiment of Figures 4+, two, extended handles are provided for rotatably changing the off-set position of said

boom portion, one handle located on said boom portion adjacent to its proximal end and the other handle located on the rotatable portion adjacent to its proximal end.

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